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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR NATIONAL DAY NOVEMBER 28 CELEBRATIONS
IN BURUNDI

KINSHASA ALSO FOR DATT

IT HAS BEEN EVIDENT FOR WEEKS THAT GRB IS PLANNING UNUSUALLY
LARGE GALA EVENT FOR NOVEMBER 28 TO CELEBRATE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY
OF MICOMBERO TAKEOVER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF REPUBLIC. TOP BURUNDI
OFFICIALS AT RECENT INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS HAVE BEEN PRESSING
OTHER AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE TO ATTEND OR TO SEND BIG-SHOT
DELEGATIONS, AND VICE FONMIN KARENZO HAS BEEN ON TOUR OF NUMBER
OF AFRICAN CAPITACA TO SAME END. THOUSANDS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN
IN CAPITAL UNDER INSTRUCTION FROM NORTH KOREAN TEAM HAVE BEEN
SUBJECTED SINCE EARLY OCTOBER TO LONG DAILY TRAINING DRILLS
FOR NOVEMBER 28 MASS CALISTHENICS AND MASS DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE HAS HEARD THAT MICOMBERO WILL USE
NOVEMBER 28 FOR INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR HIS NEW SEVEN-YEAR
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TERM, AND THIS WOULD INDEED BE PLAUSIBLE BASIS FOR EFFORT TO

ATTRACT HIGH-LEVEL FOREIGN ATTENDANCE. AS OF NOW, WE BELIEVE ATTENDEES WILL INCLUDE UGANDAN PRESIDENT AMIN AND RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, AND MAY INCLUDE PRESIDENTS KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA AND MOBUTUOF ZAIRE. PRESENCE OF FRELIMO CHIEF SAMORA MACHEL HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED, AND WE IMAGINE THAT THERE ARE EFFORTS TO GET SOME ARAB REPRESENTATION, INCLUDING PLO.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: I DO NOT SUPPOSE, NOR WOULD I RECOMMEND, THAT UNITED STATES SHOULD SEND HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION TO ANY IMPENDING INAUGURATION. I ASSUME ALSO THAT RECENT GUIDANCE PERMITS NORMAL SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH UGANDAN OFFICIALS AND REPS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES. I WOULD HOWEVER APPRECIATE LATEST WORD ON CONTACTS WITH PLO REPS IF ANY MATERIALIZE.
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